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SUBJECT:TUTANKHAMUN EXHIBITION

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1. DR. MOKHTAR DISCUSSED VIEWS ON TUTANKHAMUN EXHIBITION WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS DURING OCTOBER VISIT TO WASHINGTON, BUT THIS WAS PRIOR TO HIS TRIP TO MIDDLE WEST AND CALIFORNIA. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHAT HIS FURTHER THOUGHTS MAY BE ON RETURN TO CAIRO.

2. DURING VISIT HERE MOKHTAR DID NOT SEEM TO HAVE REACHED FINAL DECISION ON WHERE SHOW SHOULD GO, OR EVEN ON EXACT NUMBER OF PLACES IT COULD BE EXHIBITED. HE SEEMED TO FAVOR PLACING SHOW IN PERHAPS THREE MUSEUMS ON THE EAST COAST AND IN LOS ANGELES. THIS OF COURSE RAISES QUESTION AS TO GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION. HOPEFULLY HE WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY HIS TRIP TO CHICAGO AND DENVER.

3. SINCE EXHIBITION WOULD FALL DURING BUSY BICENTENNIAL

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PERIOD, AND ARRANGEMENTS WILL DOUBTLESS BE VERY

COMPLICATED, EARLY DETERMINATION AS TO WHERE SHOW
MIGHT GO WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. ALSO OF GREAT ASSISTANCE
IN PLANNING WOULD BE MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL
RETURN TO EGYPT THAT WOULD BE EXPECTED. KISSINGER

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